

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace paragraphs 30 and 37 with the following rewritten paragraphs:

[0030] Although banks and savings institutions can provide DDA, MMDA and checking account services to clients without utilizing a third-party agent, under the current statutory scheme, these institutions cannot pay interest on account balances, and at the same time, allow for an unlimited number of transactions. Pursuant to Regulation D, banks and savings institutions are prohibited from automatically allowing unlimited fund transfers between DDAs and MMDAs on behalf of clients. A client could open up his own DDA and MMDA accounts, evaluate daily DDA activities, determine if funds should be moved between the DDA and the MMDA, and instruct the bank to transfer the appropriate funds. However, it would be time consuming and inefficient. The use of an agent provides administrative expediency, rendering ~~endering~~ the entire operational scheme more attractive to the client as well as the banking institution.

[0037] Referring to FIG. 3, financial entity 100 may be a bank, savings institution, brokerage firm, or other entity where financial transactions take place or can be facilitated. This financial entity 100 creates transaction files 101 which are transmitted to Reserve 105. Reserve 105 (or the Reserve System) is the administrator or other entity in charge of administering at least one of the deposit accounts. New account files 102 can be transmitted to Reserve 105. For example, a new investor account may need to be opened. This activity necessitates organizing and coordinating information to service a new investor for the present system, even though that investor may already be a client of a financial entity 100 for other investment vehicles. A new account 102 effectively becomes part of an existing pooled bank deposit account 129 that collects earned income 130, all or a portion of which is eventually conveyed to the client's accounts 131. Of course, at some point in time, the deposit account must first be established with clients' funds ~~fluids~~. The transaction files represent the addition of funds by check (to be drawn on another institution, or to be drawn from a different demand

account at the same institution), wire or electronic transfer, ACH, credits (such as from a debit or credit card merchant), or a sweep from one of the client's other accounts.

Accordingly, encompassed in the transaction file are deposits 103 and withdrawals 104. A "sweep" includes the automatic transfer of funds, such as the automated transfer of interest from one account into the client's account, as well as the automated transfer of funds out of the client's account (such as for payment of a securities trade); thus, a sweep may be from one of the client's accounts to another. The responsibility for maintaining the deposit account can be assigned by the administrator to a third party.